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Mario Monti tapped to cure Italy's economic ills

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MILAN (AP) — The man tapped to be Italy's next premier earned the moniker "Super Mario" in the halls of the European Commission, stopping such corporate giants as Jack Welch and Bill Gates in their competitive tracks.

Elegantly attired with a formal demeanor, Mario Monti proved his mettle as a tough negotiator when he blocked the merger of General Electric and Honeywell and levied a €500 million fine against Microsoft for abusing its dominant position.

"He moves with caution and speaks with nuances. But he moves," said Carlo Guarnieri, a political scientist at the University of Bologna.

A leading economist, Monti is among the most respected men in the country and the most admired Italians in Europe.

That will be no guarantee for success in the Herculean task before him: building a majority large enough to push painful structural reforms through a fractured Parliament to prevent Italy from being dragged into the burgeoning debt crisis. But he has some clear assets: he is part of the Italian financial establishment, has strong ties to European institutions and governments and enjoys the clear support of President Giorgio Napolitano, who gave Monti a mandate Sunday to form a new government.

Providing a sober contrast to the audacious Silvio Berlusconi, who resigned Saturday, Monti also is the favorite of the financial markets, which eased pressure on Italian borrowing costs after his candidacy gained currency.

Monti, 68, cuts an austere and serious figure, which people who know him say defies a subtle wit. He is multilingual and moves easily among European capitals. Now the president of Milan's prestigious Bocconi University, he spent 10 years at the European Commission, about half in the powerful post of competition commissioner, and is one of the founders of the Brussels-based Bruegel think tank, which blends research with policy recommendations.

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"A person on the flight from Milan this morning asked me, 'Mr. Monti, are you sure your are taking the right flight?'" he quipped. While there is no question Monti is part of the political elite and travels in the rarified circles of European policymakers, he does not give the impression of being out of touch with ordinary Italians. TV clips show Monti filling his car with gas — a clear contrast with fumbling responses by lawmakers asked recently by TV satire programs the price of fuel.

In perk-filled Italy, the image of Monti at the gas tank carries more meaning than that of a powerful figure engaged in ordinary tasks, but that of a powerful man who does not seek privilege — something he says he

wants to stamp out.

"By introducing more competition, we will in due course introduce more merit and less of a role for nepotism, clientism, corruption, whatever," Monti said in Berlin this week.

Monti was born in the town of Varese, north of Milan, the son of a bank manager. As a teen, his father took him to see the U.S. and the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War so he could form a personal view of the two powers.

He earned an economics and management degree at Bocconi and later studied in the U.S. at Yale, and spent years teaching economics at several Italian universities. He is recognized as a champion of the free market and reduced government spending, who has been influential in setting European and international antitrust standards. "I have always been considered to be the most German amona Italian economists, which I always received as a compliment, but which was rarely meant to be a compliment," Monti told a panel on the euro crisis hosted by the Dahrendorf Symposium in Berlin.

He has called the German culture of stability one of its "better exports" — a view which certainly will help Rome's relations with powerful Berlin as he tackles Italy's enormous debt and stagnant growth. But associates say he also is confident to stand up to European institutions — something the Berlusconi government has lacked.



Italy's new premier-designate economist Mario Monti, background center, meets with journalists at the Quirinale Presidential Palace after talks with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano in Rome, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011. Monti told reporters Sunday night he will carry out the task "with a great sense of responsibility and service toward this nation." He added that Italy must "heal its finances" and resume growth because today's leaders owe it to future generations. The former European Union competition commissioner received the formal mandate from President Giorgio Napolitano. Monti must now draw up a Cabinet, lay out his priorities and see if he has enough support in Parliament to govern effectively. Premier Silvio Berlusconi resigned reluctantly on Saturday, bowing to market pressures.

(AP Photo/Pier Paolo Cito)



Obama caps Hawaii summit

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KAPOLEI, Hawaii (AP) —

President Barack Obama on Sunday tied the hopes of a faster American economic recovery to the booming Pacific Rim region, saying "we're not going to be able to put our folks back to work" unless the Asia-Pacific region is successful as an engine for the world.

"We consider it a top priority," Obama said of the region where his administration is pouring in time and political capital to expand exports and business ties.

The president spoke as he dove into a day of summit diplomacy, proudly using his home state of Hawaii as the American foothold to the Pacific.

The meeting brought together leaders of 21 nations of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, whose members span from Chile to China and account for roughly half the world's trade and economic output.

In the midst of a tough reelection bid, Obama kept his message on jobs, even as he privately lobbied for help on containing the Iranian nuclear threat.

He was to cap the summit with a solo news conference in which topics on and off his scripted agenda were likely to emerge.

Police move on city park, Occupy protesters stay

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)
— Police in riot gear surrounded demonstrators in a downtown park area after hundreds of people defied the mayor's order to leave the park by midnight as the Occupy Portland protest intensified Sunday.

The anti-Wall Street protesters and their supporters had flooded the park area even as authorities in other cities stepped up pressure against demonstrators, arresting dozens of people. Demonstrators have been making their voices heard in U.S. town squares since September.

By early afternoon, officers in Portland had mostly surrounded the camp where the protesters were holding a "general assembly" meeting to discuss their next moves following the eviction order.

Some officers used nightsticks to push people away from the encampment and used loudspeakers to warn that anyone who resisted risked arrest and "may also be subject to chemical agents and impact weapons." Demonstrators chanted "we are a peaceful protest." Police could be seen carrying at least one protester away from the park. Another man was taken away on a stretcher; he was alert and talking to paramedics, and raised a peace sign to fellow protesters, who responded with cheers. There was no immediate word on arrests. "We were talking about what we were going to do and then they just started hitting people. Seems like a waste of resources to me," protester Mike Swain, 27, told The Associated Press.

Associated Press. but protesters who have

Protesters stand on a section of sidewalk at the Occupy Portland Camp in Portland, Ore., Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011. The city set a 12:01 a.m. deadline to vacate but backed down after thousands of protesters showed up.

(AP Photo/Don Ryan)

Choya Adkison, 30, said police moved in after giving demonstrators a false sense of calm. They thought they had time to rest, relax and regroup, she said.

"Camp was completely vulnerable, completely defenseless" when police moved in, she said. "I'm disappointed that they created a sense of trust by walking away and then completely trampled it."

Mayor Sam Adams had ordered the camp shut down Saturday at midnight, citing unhealthy conditions and the encampment's attraction of drug users and thieves.

At one point overnight, the

been at the two parks since Oct. 6 were still there.

Portland crowd swelled

to thousands. As dawn ar-

rived, riot police had re-

treated and most of the

crowds had gone home,

One of the organizers, Jim Oliver, said the night had been a victory for Occupy Portland. "We stood up to state power," Oliver told the AP, standing on a corner opposite the camp.

Still, the camp was a shadow of what it was before Saturday. A large segment of the campers consisted of homeless people who had been drawn to the free food and shelter offered by Occupy Portland. They are gone, after outreach workers went through the camp to help them find shelter elsewhere.

And as the Saturday mid-

night eviction deadline neared, protesters themselves began dismantling tents

Around 4 a.m., dozens of police formed a line across from demonstrators who had poured into the street. Protesters facing them appeared to be in festive spirits with some banging on drums and plastic pails, another clanging a cowbell while others danced in the streets as a man juagled nearby. Other demonstrators used pallets and old furniture, wood debris and even a bicycle to set up two makeshift barricades on a street that runs through the encampment, apparently in an attempt to block traffic.

Protesters ultimately got off the street after the police asked them to and also cleared away the barricades. On Sunday at an impromptu news conference, the mayor defended his order to clear the park, saying it is his job to enforce the law and keep the peace. "This is not a game," Adams said. Officials said that one officer suffered minor injuries when he was hit by some kind of projectile in the leg. Police had prepared for a possible clash, warning that dozens of anarchists may be planning a confrontation with authorities. Officers seized pieces of cement blocks Friday, saying they were told some demonstrators had plans to use them as weapons against police.

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Billy Crystal brings Oscars back from the brink

MICHAEL CIEPLY
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LOS ANGELES - Oprah Winfrey snagged an Oscar
here on Saturday night, but
the evening's hero - not
present, though never out
of mind - was Billy Crystal.

At the third annual Governors Awards, a banquet and schmooze fest that has quickly become an important tribal gathering for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Winfrey was recognized with a Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, complete with statuette, for her charitable work.

Both Dick Smith, the makeup artist behind "The Exorcist," and James Earl Jones, whose acting credits are even more imperial than the voice (his) of Darth Vader, received honorary Oscars for their career contributions to the movies. The honorary awards were moved from the annual Oscar show to speed up the telecast and give more personal attention to their winners.

But as they were handed out, the buzz, along with a



Alec Baldwin at the third annual Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Governors Awards in Los Angeles, Nov. 12, 2011. Billy Crystal was the hero at the Governors Awards, though he received no statuette, he was lauded for stepping up to be the host after the previous one resigned amid a furor.

(Monica Almeida/The New York Times)

quip or two from the stage, was about Crystal, who last week swooped in to save the Academy Awards. He did that by agreeing to host the main event, on Feb. 26, a ceremony that had momentarily disintegrated when its co-producer Brett Ratner resigned on Tuesday in a furor over an anti-gay slur and some nasty public sex talk, and Ratner's proposed host, Eddie Murphy, followed him out the door.

Within a day Ratner was replaced by Brian Grazer, a veteran producer with dozens of movies under his belt. In a dizzying turn, by Thursday Crystal, an old hand who has hosted the show eight times, the last one in 2004, was tapped for a comeback.

"How was your week?" asked Tom Sherak, the Academy's president, in opening the festivities at a banquet room in Hollywood on Saturday. All the audience members got the joke

Or maybe they were laughing because Sherak took the stage in full Darth Vader regalia, probably more a tribute to Jones than a sly allusion to his own role as a heavy in the Academy's inner councils.

In life online, inadvertently exposing children

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SAN FRANCISCO - Can
an online algorithm track
down your child?

In some cases, yes – and if you're a parent, it could alarm you too.

Consider the case of Maggie Leifer McGary, mother, blogger and social media fan. McGary is on virtually every existing social network: Foursquare, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook. She is also on Klout, a popular site that assigns you a score based on its analysis of how influential you are on the social Web.

In the days just before Halloween, McGary got the fright of her life when she checked her Klout profile. Hovering above her score were the faces and names of those over whom she had influence, as calculated by Klout. They included her 13-year-old son, Matthew.

The boy had never set up a Klout page for himself; he was only her Facebook "friend," so she could monitor his interactions there. Klout had automatically created a page for him and assigned him a score. Then McGary's 15-year-old daughter Mimi popped up on her Klout page – this time not with a Klout score of her own, just a nudge to McGary to invite Mimi to join.

"It freaked me out because these are my kids," said McGary, 43, who lives in a suburb of Washington and handles social media for an association of health care professionals. "It's wrong. They shouldn't be marketing to children."

Klout says it does not. And since this brouhaha, Klout no longer creates profiles automatically, of minors



Tonia Ries, who found her son's profile on Klout, which he didn't create, at her home in Montauk, N.Y. The social media site Klout has caused a stir with its culling of information about individuals, including children, from publicly available sources online.

(Gordon M. Grant/The New York Times)

or anyone else, and every Klout user can now delete her profile entirely.

The Klout kerfuffle is a parable of what can happen when you have an active digital social life. Not only do you leave your own digital footprints everywhere, but you can also drag your online friends with you from site to site, even if they have no interest in going there. Klout culls information about individuals from publicly available sources: posts and followers on Twitter, engagement on Facebook, LinkedIn, Foursquare and so on. It lifts information from 13 separate networks in all, its chief executive, Joe Fernandez, explained, and rates you based on how "people engage with the content you create."

For a brief period in late October, when McGary saw Matthew pop up on her Klout page, Klout's algorithms created scores for the Facebook friends of registered Klout users. "Let's say you and I were friends on Facebook, and I had commented on your Facebook wall," Fernandez said. "Klout would see that, and I would get a score from my post on your wall."

Outcry followed. Klout turned off that feature. Fernandez said his algorithms were not so smart that they could figure out who among your network of friends was a child or an adult.

McGary's realization was part of a storm that blew through the blogosphere. It started when a few people started to see their Klout scores rise and fall and – what else? – began posting on Twitter about it.



Republicans mostly hawkish on foreign policy

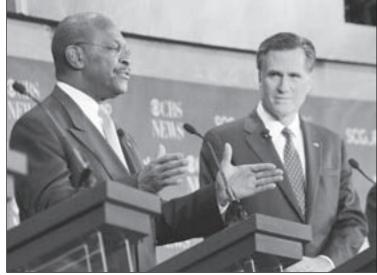
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The leading Republican presidential candidates took hardline positions on U.S. foreign policy, with Mitt Romney promising in the latest debate that "Iran will not have a nuclear weapon" if he is elected to the White House.

Most of the candidates also, with the exception of Jon Huntsman, President Barack Obama's former ambassador to Beijing, vowed get-tough policies against China, the Asian powerhouse they said was stealing U.S. intellectual property, gaining trade advantage through currency manipulation and draining away American jobs.

While there were points of

disagreement, the eight candidates at the Saturday night debate at Wofford College in Spartansburg, South Carolina, were unanimous in their criticism of Obama's handling of American policy abroad. Romney's response was particularly striking when asked about Iran's nuclear program and a new U.N. report that backed U.S. and Western allega-



Republican presidential candidates Herman Cain, left, speaks as Mitt Romney, looks on during the CBS News/National Journal foreign policy debate at the Benjamin Johnson Arena, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 in Spartanburg, S.C. — The leading Republican presidential candidates took hardline positions on U.S. foreign policy, with Mitt Romney promising in the latest debate that "Iran will not have a nuclear weapon" if he is elected to the White House.

(AP Photo/Richard Shiro)

tions that Tehran was making progress on building a nuclear weapon. Iran has insisted its nuclear program is in the peaceful pursuit of energy and research, not weaponry.

"If we re-elect Barack Obama, Iran will have a nuclear weapon. And if you elect Mitt Romney, Iran will not have a nuclear weapon," the former Massachusetts governor said.

Romney has been at or

near the top of the Republican field for months, but now is running neck-andneck with Georgia businessman and political novice Herman Cain.

Newt Gingrich, the former speaker of the House of Representatives, also has been gaining support. Both men have taken positions on foreign policy, the economy and social issues that generally are more extreme and find deep suptive wing of the Republican party, especially with the highly motivated tea party faction.

Romney remains the favorite of the Republican establishment and has seen challengers to his pre-eminence rapidly rise and fade over the past few months. Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann of Minnesota was first in that line, followed by Texas Gov. Rick

Cain was next but has been maintaining his standing despite allegations from four women that he sexually harassed them when he ran the National Restaurant Association in the 1990s.

Cain denies the allegations and claims donations

port among the conserva- to his campaign are rising because of what he claims is a smear campaign. Polls of Republican primary voters, however, show some of his support among women is fading. As that has happened, Gingrich has gained ground.

> While the Republicans were talking about foreign policy, Obama was working as America's diplomat in chief.

> Obama met with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and Chinese President Hu Jintao on the sidelines of a Pacific Rim economic summit in Honolulu, prodding them for support in reining back Iran's nuclear ambitions but without winning public endorsement from either man.

Pacific trade pact gets boost from US neighbors

ELAINE KURTENBACH AP Business Writer

KAPOLEI, Hawaii (AP) — A U.S.-backed plan to forge a Pacific free trade bloc got a big boost Sunday when leaders of Canada and Mexico joined Japan in expressing support for a deal that has received a cool reception from China, the region's rising power.

The news was a coup for President Barack Obama, who made progress on the pact one of his top priorities for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit being held in his home state of Hawaii. It comes after Japan, the world's third-biggest economy, said Friday that it wants to join the nine nations already involved in talks on what has been

dubbed the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The balmy weather for the annual APEC gathering at a resort on the west side of the Hawaiian island of Oahu contrasted with deepening pessimism over the economic outlook as the leaders sat down for a day of talks on how to spur growth and create jobs. With Europe again on the brink of recession, Asia's vital role as a driver of global growth has gained even greater urgency. IMF Director Christine Lagarde attended the summit, briefing the APEC leaders on the latest developments in Europe. The International Monetary Fund will play a key role in coming months in overseeing efforts by Italy, and

other ailing economies that use the euro common currency, to rein in debt. Europe's quandary is among the wide range of issues that the Asia-Pacific leaders were tackling in their one-day meeting. "Now it's time to get down to work, and we have much to do," Obama said in opening the summit. "Our 21 economies — our nearly 3 billion citizens — are looking to us to bring our economies closer, to increase exports, to expand trade and opportunity that creates jobs and economic growth. That's why we're here." Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said his country must look to the East to ensure markets, especially for its energy ex-



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`Standing on Ceremony':

A celebration of gay weddings

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NEW YORK – It would not be inappropriate to bring a few handfuls of rice to toss at the climax of "Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays," a collection of monologues and short plays that opened on Sunday night at the Minetta Lane Theater. This mostly genial, often funny omnibus is essentially a staged celebration of the recent advances in winning marital rights for gay and les-



Beth Leavel, left, and Polly Draper in "Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays" at the Minetta Lane Theater in New York. The collection of monologues and short plays celebrate the recent advances in winning marital rights for gay and lesbian couples.

(Sara Krulwich/The New York Tlmes)

bian couples, and how the changing laws are changing lives.

The final entry, Jose Rivera's "Pablo & Andrew at the Altar of Words," depicts the exchange of vows between two highly verbal fellows as their loved ones look on. Buy a ticket for the front rows, and you might just catch one of those lucky bouquets. If you're married or partnered, have the good grace to duck, or at least keep your hands down.

Conceived by Brian Shnipper and directed by Stuart Ross, the plays come from a group of mostly wellknown playwrights including Moises Kaufman ("33 Variations"), Doug Wright ("I Am My Own Wife") and the peerless jokemeister Paul Rudnick. Clock Neil LaBute's name among the lineup, and you know that this affirmative evening will make room for at least a shadow or two. (The program is subject to change.) The show, which runs about 90 minutes - a little long for a marriage ceremony, but most of us have endured longer ones - is performed by a rotating cast of actors who currently include Craig Bierko, Mark Consuelos, Polly Draper, Harriet Harris, Beth Leavel and Richard Thomas. They share the stage throughout the show, sitting on chairs in shadow when they are not reading from scripts on music stands.

In format "Standing on Ceremony" is more or less a facsimile of the long-running chick hit "Love, Loss and What I Wore." (Gee, now that I think about it, they could probably have borrowed the title too, appending the words "to My Gay Wedding" to the end.) I pity any actor forced to share a spotlight with Harris. This supremely skillful comic actress, with her trademark manic cackle and eyes atwinkle with mirth or malice, aives two deliciously funny performances in pieces by Rudnick that are, unsurprisingly, the comic highlights of the show.









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Many paid a price for profitable Romney deal

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By the green-hued yardsticks of Wall Street, the 1990s buyout of an Illinois medical company by Mitt Romney's private equity firm was a spectacular success. Romney's company, Bain Capital, sent in a team of 10 turnaround experts from Boston to ferret out waste, motivate executives and study untapped markets. By the time the Harvard MBA's from Bain were finished, sales at the medical company, Dade International, had more than doubled. The business acquired two of its rivals. And Romney's firm collected \$242 million, a return eight times its investment.

But an examination of the Dade deal shows the unintended human costs and messy financial consequences behind the brand of capitalism that Romney practiced for 15 years.

At Bain Capital's direction, Dade quadrupled the money it owed creditors and vendors. It took steps that propelled the business toward bankruptcy. And, in waves of layoffs, it cut loose 1.700 workers in the United States, including Brian and Christine Shoemaker, who lost their jobs at a plant in Westwood, Mass. Staggered, Brian Shoemaker said he wondered, "How can the bean counters just come in here and say, Hey, it's over?"

Romney's career at Bain Capital, which he owned and ran as chief executive, is a cornerstone of his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination – a



Arsenio Muniz Rosad, who lost his job at plant after Mitt Romney's private equity firm, Bain Capital, closed it down, in Aguada, Puerto Rico, Nov. 11, 2011. The buyout of an Illinois medical company by Romney's equity firm shows the unintended human costs and messy financial consequences behind the brand of capitalism that Romney practiced for 15 years.

(Christopher Gregory/The New York Times)

credential, he argues, that showcases the management skills and business acumen America needs to revive a stalled economy. Creating jobs, Romney said, is exactly what he knows how to do.

The White House, though, is already preparing a less flattering portrayal, trying to frame Romney's record at Bain as evidence that he would pursue slash and burn economics and that his business career thrived by enriching the elite at the expense of the working class.

From 1984 to 1999, Rom-

ney and his deputies made fortunes by investing in, acquiring and then selling about 150 companies. It was high-stakes work that shaped Romney's values and views, taught him the art of salesmanship and negotiation and took him deep inside the boardrooms and factories of U.S. business.

Because financial data for many of the acquisitions are not publicly available, it is difficult to fully tally the wins and losses, the jobs created and the jobs eliminated on Romney's watch. But the experience with Dade, Bain's biggest transaction at the time, shows how Bain managed its investments, structuring deals so it would be hard for Romney and his partners not to come out ahead.

Bain and a small group of investors bought Dade in 1994 with mostly borrowed money, limiting their risk. They extracted cash from the company at almost every turn – paying themselves nearly \$100 million in fees, first for buying the company and then for helping to run it.







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Chinatown power broker savors Mayor's win in San Francisco

ERIK ECKHOLM © 2011 New York Times **SAN FRANCISCO - Perhaps** no one took more pleasure in the city's first election of a Chinese-American mayor than Rose Pak.

Pak, 63, might at first glance be mistaken for one of the grandmothers who play cards on Chinatown benches. She has never held office and is listed only as a consultant to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

From her office at the chamber she also operates, political experts say, as one of San Francisco's power brokers, a crucial bridge between an increasingly assertive Chinese community, now onefourth of the city's population, and the wider political and business establishment. Since she became a com-



San Francisco interim mayor Ed Lee tours a Veteran's Affairs center in San Francisco, Nov. 9, 2011. Rose Pak known as a consultant to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and one of San Francisco's power brokers, worked to elect Lee as its first Chinese-American mayor.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

munity organizer in 1980, Pak has been a savvy networker, mobilizing Chinese votes and donations for a succession of

mayors in return for city financing of social programs and building projects in Chinatown. Now she has, by all accounts, played a prime role in achieving her generation's dream, electing one of their own to the city's highest office.

"I'm ecstatic," she said after Edwin M. Lee's victory was declared this week. "After decades of struggling, we finally elected a Chinese-American."

Critics call her an unregistered lobbyist who trades her influence for donations to groups she controls and is too friendly with wealthy developers. Others say she is an unusually effective broker of interests of the sort that makes any large city run. "Rose Pak fits into the historical narrative of Chinatown," said David C. Latterman, associate director of the graduate program in public affairs at the University of San Francisco. "She came in as a community activist and did what it takes to get her folks a bigger seat at the political table. Like her or not, you can't criticize her success." Whether out of respect or fear, Pak is regarded by many here with awe. She

ethnic subculture dominated almost totally by

She is often loud and profane in a subculture that values quiet modesty and is even known to shout obscenities at enemies from the reviewing stand at the Chinese New Year pa-

is a powerful woman in an er for The San Francisco Chronicle. But she resigned after eight years to lead a campaign to save the treasured Chinese Hospital, which faced being closed without costly renovations. As a board member today, she is in charge of fundraising for a new \$160 million facility.



Rose Pak, known as a consultant to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and one of San Francisco's power brokers, in the Chinatown neighborhood of San Francisco, Nov. 1, 2011. Since Pak has become a community organizer in 1980, she has become a sort of savvy networker, mobilizing Chinese votes and donations for a succession of mayors in return for city financina of social programs and building projects in Chinatown.

(Thor Swift/The New York Times)

rade (which, like the Miss Chinatown U.S.A. pageant, is run by the chamber she dominates).

She is "tenacious as a pit bull," said an ethnic Chinese lawyer who, like most Chinese interviewed, spoke about Pak only on the condition of anonymity. She combines a fiery temper with a wicked sense of humor about her political exploits.

Pak was born in China, where her father was a businessman. He died in the civil war, and her mother fled with the children to Hong Kong in 1952. At 17, she won a scholarship to a women's college in San Francisco and went on to earn a master's degree in 1972 from the Columbia School of Journalism in New York. She returned to the Bay Area to work as a reportFluent in English and Cantonese, with a shrewd understanding of the political ways on both sides of the divide, she became something of a gatekeeper for Chinatown, literally translating for city leaders who came to seek donations or discuss projects.

Battling the reluctance of immigrant Chinese to get involved in politics, she and other educated baby boomers organized Chinatown and demanded more city money. Nonprofit groups like the Chinatown Community Development Center, which provides lowincome housing, became important institutions in Chinatown alongside the traditional family associations. The nonprofit groups also, it happens, provide legions of volunteers for favored political causes – most recently, the election of Lee.





With Arab vote, pressure mounts on Syria

ZEINA KARAM Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) - Syria's embattled regime called for an urgent Arab summit as it faced growing isolation Sunday, not only by the West but by its neighbors, over its bloody crackdown against an eight-month uprising.

The crisis raised regional tensions, with Turkey sending a plane to evacuate nonessential personnel after a night of attacks on several embassies by Syrian government supporters angry over the Arab League decision Saturday to suspend their country's membership.

The 22-member bloc's rare, near-unanimous vote only Lebanon, Yemen and Syria were opposed — put Damascus in direct confrontation with other Arab powers, including Qatar and Saudi Arabia, who were pushing for the suspension. The vote constituted a major boost for the Syrian opposition.

Tens of thousands of gov-



A Syrian protester kicks a burning picture of Syrian President Bashar Assad during a protest in front of the Arab League headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, where an Arab League emergency session on Syria is taking place to discuss the country's failure to end bloodshed caused by government crackdowns on civil protests. Protesters called on the Arab League to suspend the country's membership.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

ernment supporters poured into the streets of Damascus and other cities, the turnout helped by the government's closing of businesses and schools so that people could take part.

"You Arab leaders are the tails of Obama," read a banner held at a huge proregime rally in Damascus accusing the Arab League of bowing to pressure from the U.S

Violence continued elsewhere, with activists reporting at least 14 people killed in shootings by secuof the country. The Britishbased Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said seven of the deaths occurred in Hama when security forces fired on opposition protesters who infiltrated a progovernment rally.

Syria's call for an Arab summit to discuss the country's spiraling political unrest was seen as another possible bid by President Bashar Assad to buy time as he faces snowballing punitive action over a crackdown that the U.N. estimates has killed more than 3,500 people since mid-March.

In a thinly veiled warning, the government said it was calling for the meeting "because the fallout from the Syrian crisis could harm regional security" — an apparent effort to play on fears that Assad's ouster would spread chaos around the Middle East.

But in a significant concession, Syria also invited Arab League officials to visit be-

rity forces in several parts fore the membership suspension is scheduled to take effect on Wednesday, and said they could bring any civilian or military observers they deem appropriate to oversee implementation of an Arab League plan for ending the bloodshed.

> The Syrian government is usually loath to accept anything resembling foreign intervention, and the invitation signaled the government's alarm over the Arab action.

> Arab League officials did not immediately respond to the request for an emergency summit. Arab League Secretary General Nabil Elaraby, on a visit to Libya, demanded immediate implementation of the peace plan.

> The Nov. 2 plan called on Syria to halt attacks on protesters, pull tanks out of cities and hold talks with the opposition.

> Syria signed on to the plan, but nothing has changed on the ground.



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Libyan militias in deadly clashes near Tripoli

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ZAWIYA, Libya – Two rival militias fought a sporadic but deadly gunbattle just west of Tripoli over the weekend, blocking traffic on the vital coastal road between the Libyan capital and the Tunisian border. The outburst of violence was among the worst to come to light since the killing of Moammar Gadhafi last month.

Participants said that as many as 15 people were killed in the shooting along a short stretch of the highway between Tripoli and Zawiya, a key coastal town to the west. Health officials put the death toll lower,



A Libyan fighter at a checkpoint near where a gun battle broke out in Zawiya, Libya, Nov. 12, 2011. The fighting between two local militias erupted on Saturday afternoon, and was rooted at least in part in a dispute for control of a former Moammar Gadhafi military base beside the highway.

(Tyler Hicks/The New York Times)

saying perhaps as few as six were killed.

Lethal rivalries have emerged within the huge population of Libyan fighters who rose up to fight against Gadhafi's rule. The poorly trained and only moderately organized militias are often suspicious of one another and are sometimes openly hostile, posing difficult problems for the transitional council now trying to govern the country.

The uprising to overthrow the Gadhafi family held many of these disparate groups together. Now that the common enemy is vanquished, though, competition for turf, resources and power threatens to pull some of the groups into persistent conflict, as do allegations that some of the armed groups have suspect pasts.

The risks appear to be intensified by the weakness of the transitional government, which has yet to appoint important ministers or to wield strong influence, much less control, over the militias

The clashes over the weekend were between groups from Zawiya and Warshefana, an area on the outskirts of Tripoli where some residents are accused by former rebels from other areas of continuing to support the old government. During the uprising, pro-Gadhafi officials took reporters to see crowds in Warshefana chanting in support of the former Libyan leader, as well as for tribal autonomy. The fighting first broke out last week and erupted again on Saturday afternoon. It was rooted at least in part in a dispute over control of a former Gadhafi military base on

the highway. Also at issue were historical boundaries between the communities, some of the gathered fighters said.

By Saturday evening, as tracer rounds from machine guns could be seen occasionally arcing into the sky, the militia from Zawiya had sounded a general alarm and flooded the road with hundreds of nervous gunmen.

Most were armed only with automatic rifles, but a few trucks mounted with heavy machine guns or rocket launchers could also be seen. The men searched passing cars for weapons and suspicious passengers, and occasionally fired into the air.

Knots of fighters rushed east-ward toward Warshefana in their cars and trucks, but they came under fire and they turned back toward Zawiya; several were killed. One fighter in retreat expressed dismay and confusion, saying that their opponents were firing at them from hiding places along the road.

Some of the Zawiya fighters said their opponents were Gadhafi loyalists, others said they were a rival militia and some were not sure whom they were fighting.

"I don't know if they are rebels or Gadhafi guys," a panicked gunmen said as he pulled back from the military base. "But they fired an anti-aircraft gun at us, and we could not keep going."

Ambulances periodically rushed by, lights flashing, carrying more wounded. The Zawiya fighters held up all other traffic on the coastal highway on Saturday, saying the road was too dangerous.

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Rio de Janeiro slum occupied by police

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RIO DE JANEIRO - Some 3,000 police and soldiers moved into one of Rio's largest slums on Sunday, the latest effort to assert control over lawless areas of the city ahead of the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Summer Olympics.

Elite police squads patrolled the alleys of the Rocinha slum and snipers perched on rooftops as tanks rolled through the narrow streets and helicopters flew overhead.

The occupation of the sprawling slum, or favela, ended peacefully. By early afternoon, the police, accompanied by contingents from the Brazilian army and navy, had not fired a shot. Officials said that feat was made possible by months of intelligence gathering and the arrest last week of Antonio Bonfim Lopes, the drug lord know of Nem, who was said to have effectively ruled Rocinha. The slum sits between the city and areas where many Olympic events will be held. Some say it's good; others say it's not," said Nilson Ferreira, 31, a doorman who lives in Vidigal, a slum near Rocinha that was also occupied on Sunday by soldiers and the police. "For me, it's fine," said Ferreira, who watched the police remove sawdust from an area where drug traffickers had thrown oil to prevent vehicles from passing.

The occupation of Rocinha and Vidigal, which command spectacular views of Rio and are near some of the city's most exclusive residential districts, is a crucial phase in the crackdown drug-trafficking against factions that control many of the city's slums. Under a so-called pacification

community police into several slums since 2008, and

program, authorities have a thriving assortment of a Twitter message that rebrought specially trained businesses and an emerging tourism trade, involved months of planning, officials



Residents watch police patrol in the Rocinha slum of Rio de Janeiro, Police and soldiers occupied the slum on Sunday, in the latest effort to assert control over lawless areas of the city ahead of the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Summer Olympics. (Mauricio Lima/The New York Times)



Armored vehicles from the Brazilian Navy move down a street in the Rocinha slum of Rio de Janeiro, on Nov. 13, 2011. Police and soldiers occupied the slum on Sunday, in the latest effort to assert control over lawless areas of the city ahead of the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Summer Olympics.

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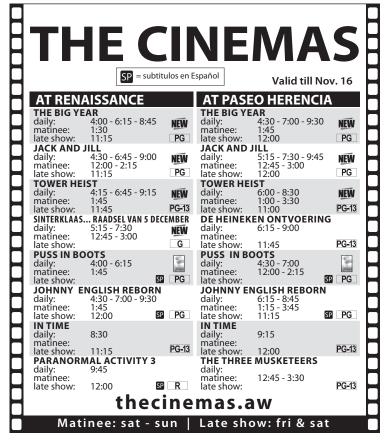
they have tried to provide basic services like electricity. But the process has not always gone smoothly. Street battles last year in the Complexo de Alemao, a sprawling patchwork of slums, left more than 30 people dead before security forces wrested control of the area. The preparations to enter Rocinha, a hillside community of more than 80,000 people that boasts

Critics said the operation, called "Shock of Peace," seemed somewhat overdone, given the relative calm in Rocinha compared with the atmosphere in other favelas in Rio, a city with a population of 11.8 million. "The helicopters flying overheard are more Coppola than Vietnam," said Luiz Eduardo Soares, a security expert and author, in

ferred to the movie "Apocalypse Now," the director Francis Ford Coppola's fictional account of the Vietnam War. Soares criticized the media frenzy ahead of the incursion, calling it "showtime" and saying that it fed the middle class's exaggerated fears. Still, the operation allowed officials to highlight the security gains of recent years, which have made parts of Rio considerably safer. The city's security chief, Jose Mariano Beltrame, said on television that the Rocinha operation had returned "dianity and territory to those who haven't had

Searches by the police in the Laborioux area of Rocinha turned up drugs and caches of weapons and ammunition. The police also guided journalists through the luxurious threestory villa of a Rocinha drug trafficker called Peixe, or Fish, who was arrested last week, showing them his hot tub, terrace and swimming pool. But such displays belied the sense of normalcy that prevailed in Rocinha on Sunday. With the authorities surveying the scene from helicopters, residents gathered to chat while sharing tall bottles of beer. Children played soccer.









Former Wagner player's nightmare ends a baseball dream

HUNTER ATKINS © 2011 New York Times

It was a sunny Friday afternoon in May 2004 at the minor league ballpark in Lakewood, N.J. The Northeast Conference championship tournament was getting under way. Scouts from major league teams were there to track the talent.

Jared Williams, a sophomore for Wagner College, usually rode the bench. But with the starting right fielder ineligible for the tournament, he filled in.

"I was really focused," Williams said. "When I hit the first home run, I was just satisfied with that. That had given us the lead. And then I got up to hit the second home run, and the crowd went crazy."

Williams carried Wagner to a 9-4 victory over topseeded Central Connecticut, the start to a run during which he broke the NEC tournament records for most stolen bases in a game and most total stolen bases.

Williams was a long shot to make it to the major leagues. He knew it; his coach at Wagner, Joe Litterio, knew it; the scouts very likely did, too. Still, long shots can come in. Scouts from the Baltimore Orioles, the Toronto Blue Jays and the Colorado Rockies thought enough of him to take formal note.

"If he ever put it all together," Litterio said of Williams, "he could go to that next level and give it a shot."

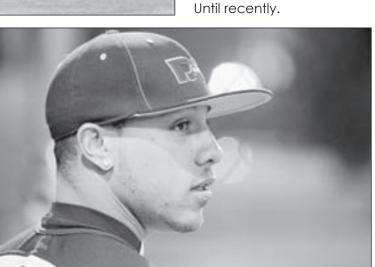
But Williams never made it past his junior baseball season, much less to the



Jared Williams, who now coaches for the DC Dynasty travel team, playing for the Charlotte County Redfish of the South Coast League, which folded after a season, in an undated handout photo. Williams, once a promising player for Wagner College and a long shot to make it to the major leagues, had his career derailed by an assault charge that was later dropped.

(Charlotte County Redfish via The New York Times)

majors. On the night of Oct. 6, 2005, a young New York City police officer named Michael Daragjati effectively ended Williams' hopes. Williams and two other young African-Americans were arrested by Daragiati and his partner on suspicion of assaulting a man inside a bar on Staten Island. Williams, despite protesting his innocence, was dismissed from Wagner's baseball team. He sank into what he describes as self-destructive episodes of drinking and moved off campus. He insisted he had been falsely arrested - the original 911 call concerning the bar fight spoke of three white men as the culprits - and the charge



was later dropped. He then sued the officer and the city, ultimately agreeing to a modest cash settlement. Neither the officer nor the city admitted wrongdoing. Williams never played again for Wagner. After graduation, he spent a year attending major league tryouts. He ended up being drafted No. 1 over all to play in the upstart independent South Coast League, but the league folded after one season. He spent another year playing for an independent league team in Laredo, Texas, before giving up the game.

"I'm not saying that I could have been in the major leagues," Williams said. "I On Oct. 17, six years after Williams was arrested, federal prosecutors in Brooklyn brought criminal charges against Daragjati, 32, for violating the civil rights of a black man he is suspected of falsely arresting in April. In a telephone call that government investigators say they intercepted the day after the arrest, Daragjati was recorded telling a friend that he had "fried" another black man.

might have. Who knows?

But I definitely feel like if

that situation would have

never happened, then I

would have had a better

opportunity, a better shot."

Williams now lives in Wash-

ington with his wife and son

and teaches special edu-

cation in an elementary

school. Daragiati, and the

baseball career that might

have been, were part of

Williams' past.

According to the criminal complaint, the government intercepted calls in which Daragjati used a racial epithet for African-Americans on at least 12 other occasions. In one of the intercepted calls, Da-

ragiati reportedly spoke of how tornadoes were not so bad because they tended to "vacuum" up black people. In another, he seemed to evince a cockiness, saying, "I've been skating it for a long time." Daragiati has pleaded not guilty to those federal charges, as well as others, including fraud, extortion and assault, from unrelated incidents that the authorities say occurred this year. His lawyer, Eric Franz, noted that the officer had not been charged in connection with his 2005 arrest of Williams. Daragiati's disputed arrest of Williams was first reported by The Daily News. Williams, after absorbing the news of the officer's arrest, said, "I just feel really violated and really upset that he was able to get away."

Baseball had always been a part of Williams' life. His parents, Michael and Ivana, met at a co-ed softball game in Washington. Michael led off for the team, and Ivana batted last. Michael said that sometimes when Ivana was on base and he got an extra-base hit, he showed off his speed by running her down on the basepath. Thirty years later, the two live just a mile from the same softball field.

Michael and Ivana raised Jared and his younger brother, Joseph, in North Michigan Park in Washington. Jared excelled at basketball and football, but he fell in love with baseball early on by watching his father play in adult leagues.

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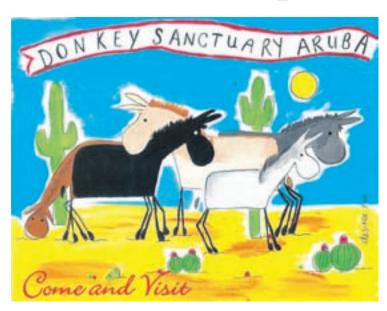
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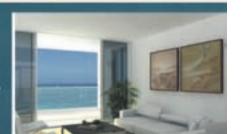
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On Saturday, November 19 all levels play doubles, with a BBQ reviving hungry participants. On Sunday the road to the finals gets tough, with a 7 pm Pro Ladies Doubles final and at 8 pm the Doubles Pro Men finals. The after party will once again be priceless. On Monday, November 21 the Awards presentation is held at Señor Frogs in The Village. A few trucks with sand will turn the courtyard into a beach tennis stadium for the Pro Ladies Single final and the Pro Men Singles final, which precede the 8 pm awards ceremony.

The \$10,000 Aruba International Beach Tennis event promises to be a wild, happy and great event, so come on down to MooMba Beach next week to enjoy the action as a player or spectator.





Federer wins Paris Masters for 69th title

Swiss tennis player Roger Federer holds his trophy after defeating France's Wilfried Tsonga in the final match of the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, in Paris, France.

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Manny Pacquiao, of the Philippines poses with his championship belt after defeating Mexico's Juan Manuel Marquez during a WBO welterweight title fight Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, in Las Vegas.

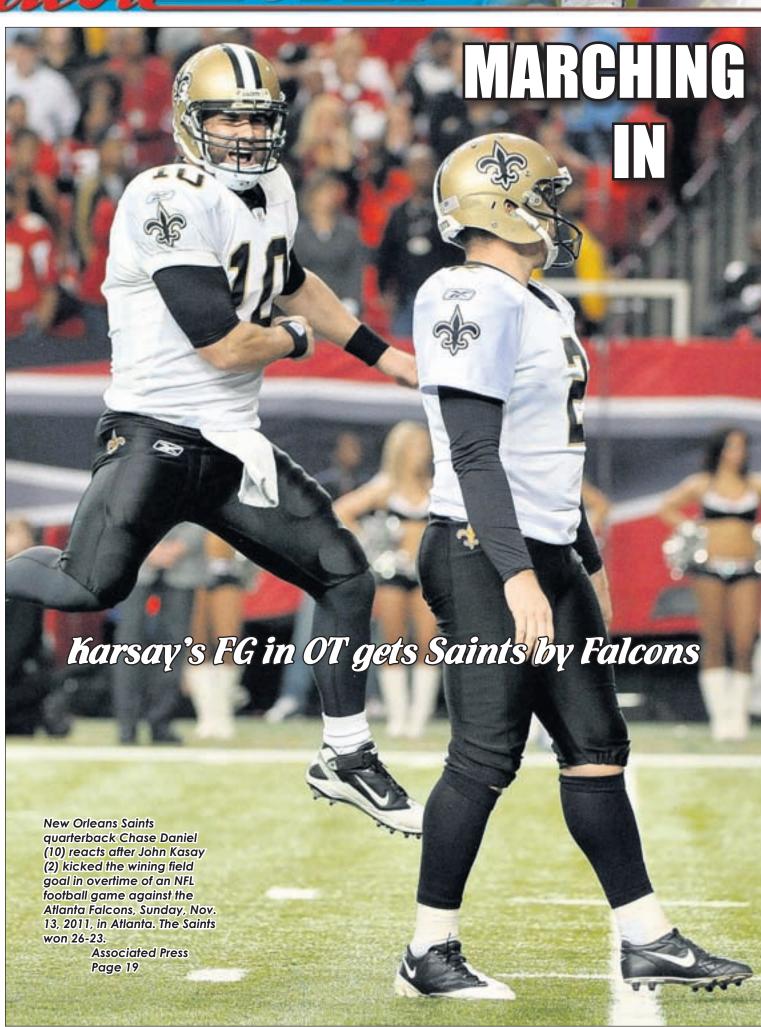
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Pacquiao escapes with a win, but questions remain

TIM DAHLBERG **AP Boxing Writer** LAS VEGAS (AP) — The 28 stitches over his right eye weren't enough to keep Manny Pacquiao from headlining his own postfight concert, which went on as usual into the early morning hours on the Las Vegas Strip. They certainly won't keep him from his next fight, though that's the only sure thing when it comes to Pacquiao'simmediate future.

He escaped with a win Saturday night against Juan Manuel Marquez, but that only tells part of the story. Seemingly invincible over the past three years, he looked anything but in scoring a majority decision over his Mexican nemesis in a win that enraged both Marquez and thousands of his supporters who packed the MGM Grand arena.

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LSU unanimous No. 1 in AP Top 25; Okla St is No. 2



LSU head coach Les Miles, center left, sings the LSU fight song with linebacker Josh Johns (39) and cornerback Ron Brooks (13) after their NCAA college football game against Western Kentucky in Baton Rouge, La., on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011. LSU won 42-9.

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — LSU was a
unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll, marking the first
time since 2008 a team has

received all the first-place votes during the regular season. The Tigers (10-0), who have been No. 1 since Sept. 25, received all 60 first-place votes from the media panel in the rank-

ings released Sunday. The last unanimous top-ranked team in the regular season was Texas on Oct. 26, 2008. Oklahoma State (10-0) was No. 2 for the second straight week, but the rest of the top

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five was scrambled a bit after Boise State and Stanford lost for the first time.

Alabama moved up to No. 3, Oregon jumped two spots to No. 4 and Oklahoma moved to No. 5.

LSU had been sharing firstplace votes for the last month and a half with Alabama, Oklahoma and Boise State. But as those teams each took a loss, the Tigers picked up support.

Boise State was the only team other than LSU receiving a first-place vote last week, but after TCU upset the Broncos 36-35 at home on Saturday, the Tigers made a clean sweep. No. 8 Stanford, which lost 53-30 at home to Oregon, and No. 10 Boise State each fell five spots this week.

The rest of the top 10 had Arkansas at No. 6, Clemson at No. 7 and Virginia Tech at No. 9. The only other undefeated major college team, Houston from Conference USA, was No. 11. No. 21 Penn State fell nine spots after it lost its first game following the firing of coach Joe Paterno, 17-14 at home to No. 17 Nebraska.

Four teams dropped out of the rankings after losses: Cincinnati, Auburn, Texas and Georgia Tech.

Cincinnati dropping out leaves the Big East with no ranked teams this week.

The teams entering the rankings this week were No. 19 TCU, No. 23 Florida State, No. 24 Notre Dame and No. 25 Baylor. All had been previously ranked earlier in the season. Michigan State is No. 12, followed by Georgia, South Carolina and Wisconsin. No. 16 Kansas State, Nebraska, Southern California, TCU and Michigan round out the top 20.

Penn State and No. 22 Southern Miss are in the final five, along with three of the newcomers.

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NFL Roundup

Saints beat Falcons 26-23 in OT on Kasay kick

ATLANTA (AP) — John Kasay kicked a 26-yard field goal in overtime to give the New Orleans Saints a 26-23 victory over Atlanta after Falcons coach Mike Smith decided to go for it on fourth down deep in his own territory Sunday.

The Falcons (5-4) rallied from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter, equalizing on Matt Bryant's 27-yard field goal on the final play of regulation.

In overtime, Atlanta appeared to pick up a first down on a pass to Mike Cox, but he was ruled just short after referee Terry McAuley looked at the replay. Then, stunningly, Smith decided to go for it on fourth down from his own 29.

Michael Turner was stuffed, and Kasay kicked the winning field goal for the Saints (7-3).

New Orleans took control of the NFC South race, ending Atlanta's three-game winning streak. But this one will be long remembered for Smith's call that backfired horribly.

*Cardinals 21, Eagles 17 At Philadelphia, John Skelton threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Early Doucet with 1:53 left to lift Arizona. Michael Vick had another so-so performance and the Eagles (3-6) blew a fourthquarter lead for the fifth time this season.

Starting for the injured Kevin Kolb, Skelton threw three touchdown passes to lead the Cardinals (3-6). Larry Fitzgerald had two TD catches and made a sensational, over-the-shoulder diving catch to set up the go-ahead score.

The defending NFC East champion Eagles were expected to be Super Bowl contenders after a slew of big-name acquisitions in the offseason. Instead, they've lost seven of their past eight home games.

*Broncos 17, Chiefs 10 At Kansas City, Tim Tebow hit Eric Decker on a 56-yard touchdown pass, one of his two completions in the game, to guide Denver to victory

Denver (4-5) played almost the entire game without leading rushers Willis Mc-Gahee and Knowshon Moreno. McGahee hurt his hamstring and Moreno went down with a knee injury in the first quarter.

Lance Ball ran for 96 yards and Tebow added 44 yards and a touchdown on the ground, helping the Broncos win for the third time in four games with the former Heisman Trophy winner under center.

*Steelers 24, Bengals 17

At Cincinnati, Rashard Mendenhall ran for a pair of touchdowns, while Pittsburgh intercepted rookie Andy Dalton twice in the fourth quarter.

Pittsburgh (7-3) got a needed win by putting together long, balanced drives while thousands of Steelers fans waved Terrible Towels in the first sellout crowd of

Smith batted down Eli Manning's pass in the closing seconds as San Francisco won its seventh straight game.

Manning completed a pair of long fourth-down passes and got the Giants (6-3) down to the 10, but on fourth-and-2 with 1:51 left, Smith made a leaping right-handed smack of the ball.

In a game between division leaders, the 49ers (8-1) didn't rely on Frank Gore, whose franchise-record streak of five straight games with 100 yards rushing ended with a knee injury.

*Bears 37, Lions 13

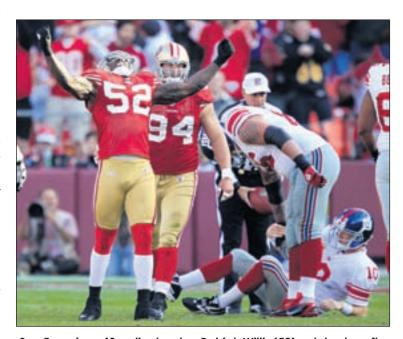
At Chicago, Charles Tillman and Major Wright returned interceptions for touchdowns early in the third quarter, and Chicago picked off Matthew Stafford four times.

The four interceptions by Stafford matched his sea-



Atlanta Falcons running back Michael Turner (33) is tackled by New Orleans Saints strong safety Roman Harper, right, and free safety Malcolm Jenkins (27) during the first half of an NFL football game on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, in Atlanta.

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San Francisco 49ers linebacker Patrick Willis (52) celebrates after sacking New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning, bottom rear, in the third quarter of an NFL football game in San Francisco, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011.

Associated Press

the season at Paul Brown Stadium.

Dalton handled most of what Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau threw at him. He had two more touchdown passes, giving him 14 overall — the most by a rookie quarterback in his first nine games since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970.

*49ers 27, Giants 20 At San Francisco, Justin son total entering the game and helped knock the Lions (6-3) into a second-place tie with Chicago in the NFC North. He was also involved in a skirmish that led to an ejection of Chicago's D.J. Moore early in the fourth quarter.

By then, the Bears (6-3) had locked up their fourth straight win thanks to a dominant defensive effort and another punt return

for a touchdown by Devin Hester, who ran one back 82 yards. That extended his NFL record to 12.

*Seahawks 22, Ravens 17 At Seattle, Steven Hauschka matched a club record with five field goals and Marshawn Lynch scored on a 1-yard plunge.

A week after staking claim to the lead of the AFC North with a thrilling last-second win at Pittsburgh, the Ravens flopped on the West Coast in an all too similar fashion to letdowns twice already this season.

After routing Pittsburgh in its opener, the Ravens (6-3) were dominated in a loss at Tennessee. Just a few weeks ago, after an impressive win over AFC South-leading Houston, the Ravens lost to Jacksonville. *Jaguars 17, Colts 3

At Indianapolis, Blaine Gabbert threw for a touchdown and Maurice Jones-Drew ran for another score to keep the Colts winless.

Jones-Drew carried 25 times for 114 yards and became the second player in franchise history to top 6,000 yards rushing. It was the first road win of the sea-

son for Jacksonville (3-6). Indianapolis remained the NFL's last winless team, dropping to 0-10 for the first time since 1997.

Gabbert hooked up with Jarrett Dillard on an 11-yard TD pass late in the third quarter to break a 3-3 tie, and Jones-Drew capped an 8-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run late in the fourth to seal it.

*Texans 37, Buccaneers 9 At Tampa, Matt Schaub threw for two long touchdowns, while Arian Foster, Ben Tate and Derrick Ward each ran for scores to help AFC South-leading Houston. The Texans (7-3) extended their winning streak while playing without star receiver Andre Johnson to four consecutive games and head into their bye week with their best record through 10 games. The Bucs (4-5) have lost three straight and four of five following a 3-1 start.

*Titans 30, Panthers 3
At Charlotte, Chris Johnson ran for a season-high 130 yards and a touchdown, and Tennessee used a stifling defense to frustrate rookie Cam Newton.

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Federer wins Paris Masters for 69th career title



Switzerland's Roger Federer reacts after winning his final match against France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, in the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, in Paris, Sunday, Nov.13, 2011.

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JEROME PUGMIRE AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Roger Federer's tough season is ending on a high, the Swiss star beating Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-1, 7-6 (3) on Sunday to win his first Paris Masters and 69th title of a glittering career.

The 16-time Grand Slam champion had never previously reached the Paris final, but restricted the sixth-seeded Frenchman to limited opportunities after saving two break points in his opening service game.

"I'm just ecstatic to have played so well this week," Federer said. "I have had many attempts to win Paris and for some reason I wasn't able to. It's a special victory."

The former No. 1 will end the season without a Grand Slam title for the first time since 2002, and his ranking has dropped to No. 4. But Federer has bounced back with a venom, winning the Swiss Indoors last week and Paris

"I have had some really tough losses this year, but I kept believing the year wasn't over," said Federer, who squandered a match point against top-ranked Novak Djokovic in their U.S. Open semifinal. "I'm not

playing to prove anything to anybody. I play for myself, I play for Switzerland (and) just to enjoy myself." Federer took six weeks off after the Davis Cup playoff against Australia in mid-September and feels it paid off.

"I always plan in the long term," Federer said. "I know how grueling it is out there. Even I need my time away." His 18th Masters title puts him one ahead of Andre Agassi and one behind all-time leader Rafael Nadal. The 30-year-old Federer heads into the eight-man ATP World Tour Finals in London next week on a 12-match winning streak.

"I can still finish this year on a high," he said. "Now I have a massive highlight coming up in a week's time."

It was his third title of the season and his only Masters. Djokovic has won five Masters this year, third-ranked Andy Murray has won two and Nadal has one.

But with Djokovic troubled by a nagging shoulder injury, Federer will be confident of defending his title in London.

Tsonga improved his serve in the second set, but Federer was simply too strong in the tiebreaker, taking victory on his third match point when Tsonga's return landed out.

"I felt good today but Roger was just better than me today," Tsonga said. "I knew I needed to play a great match if wanted to win today and I was not able to." Tsonga won the tournament in 2008 but was let down by too many unforced errors on his forehand as he tried to find a way to pressure Federer in their sixth meeting this year.

"I just wish I could have competed more," said Tsonga, who this year beat Federer in the quarterfinals at Wimbledon, but lost at the same stage to the Swiss star at the U.S. Open. Overall, Federer now leads Tsonga 6-3.

"Every time we play each other it's similar. If I am able to fight back at the start, then I play well," Tsonga said. "But if I lose the first set like I did today, then it becomes more difficult."

Federer took only 80 minutes to beat Tomas Berdych in straight sets in Saturday's semifinals, while Tsonga labored for three hours and saved three match points before getting the better of unseeded American John Isner.

Federer's sharpness showed as he mercilessly attacked Tsonga's weak second serve in the first set. He opened up a 4-0 lead after Tsonga, remonstrating with himself over too many loose forehands, doublefaulted.

"That was a huge four games for me," Federer said. "I realized how much energy he had and how big he was serving. This is the Jo-Wilfried Tsonga I hoped not to face, but I came through that (first) game."

The opening set lasted only 30 minutes, with Federer clinching it with a whipped forehand winner into the open court.

Tsonga had to raise his game in the second set, and he dug out a cross-court winner with a booming forehand in the fourth game to set up break point. With Federer on second serve, Tsonga missed his chance with a hurried forehand.

The Frenchman missed another opportunity at 30-40 in the eighth game when he sent a forehand long.

"Couple of hiccups midway through the second (set)," Federer said.

"I didn't serve so well anymore."

Coming into the match, Federer was bothered by a cold and felt sleepy after being woken up halfway through the night by his daughter.



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Pacquiao

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Somewhere, Floyd Mayweather Jr. had to be watching. Somewhere, Mayweather had to be wondering. If Marquez could more than hold his own against Pacquiao by counter punching him every minute of the fight, what would stop Mayweather from doing the same? If Marquez did everything against Pacquiao except win, why not finally take dibs on next and finish the job? It's boxing, of course, so nothing is ever that simple. In almost getting beat, though, Pacquiao may have done more to make a megafight with Mayweather than with any of his big wins in recent years.

Pacquiao has trouble with counter punchers, as his fight with Marquez clearly showed. And Mayweather is one of the best — if not the best — counter puncher in the sport. "The style of Mayweather would get very complicated for Pacquiao," said Marquez, who has fought both men.

The style of Marquez certainly was very complicated for Pacquiao, who needed to win a few late rounds to pull out a decision almost as close as the one he won from Marquez in their fight three years ago. Pacquiao won the fight by sheer aggression, though Marquez seemed to land the harder punches, especially with his right hand. One judge scored the fight even, as did The Associated Press. Two others had Pacquiao winning, 115-113 and 116-112. When the decision was announced, an infuriated Marquez stormed from the ring in protest, and fans started throwing beer bottles toward the ring.

"For me the best judges are the audience and you see how they responded," Marquez said. "I don't know what type of performance I need to give. It was a robbery once again."

Marquez may have only himself to blame for that. He came into the rina still fuming over the draw Pacquiao got against him seven years ago and the split decision Pacquiao won in 2008. He had to know most of the rounds were so close they were difficult to score, and that judges more often than not favor the fighter moving forward against the fighter moving backward when all things are equal.

Still, after listening to his corner tell him he was winning the fight, he came out slow in the final round. Neither man did much in a round when they might have been expected to let it all loose, but if Marquez would have fought a little harder and won the 12th round on two scorecards he would have aotten a draw.

"It could have gone either way," said Freddie Roach, Pacquiao's trainer. "I thought Manny edged it out in the last two rounds." Roach said the third fight between the two men like the first two — was so close and competitive they should fight a fourth time. But after 36 rounds fought in much the same style at three different weights it's doubtful a fourth fight would have enough appeal to sell it to a wide enough pay-per-view audience that would allow-Pacquiao to earn another \$25 million or so.

What Pacquiao thinks about his future is hard to say. After getting stitched up, he showed up with a bandage over his right eye at the post-fight press conference, only to quickly leave after promoter Bob Arum — perhaps not wanting his fighter to have to answer what could be negative questions — allowed only two questions and quickly ushered Pacquiao out of the room.

What did Pacquiao see? He thought he won the fight clearly, and he has trouble with Marquez's style.

"He wants for me to create action and it's not



Mexico's Juan Manuel Marquez, right, hits Manny Pacquiao, of the Philippines, in the ribs during a WBO welterweight title fight Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

when he's waiting for a good shot," Pacquiaosaid. "He's a very good counter

easy to create action So, of course, is Mayweather, who also possesses defensive abilities that the 38-year-old Marquez can only dream about.

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Phelps wins 5th gold medal at Minneapolis GP

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Michael Phelps won his fifth gold medal and topped the male points table on the final day of the Minneapolis Grand Prix on Sunday night. Phelps won the 200-meter individual medley in 1 minute, 57.58 seconds, finishing

of second-place Darian Townsend. Phelps also won the 100 and 200 butterfly, as well as the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke during the three-day meet at the University of Minnesota. Missy Franklin was the lead-

almost 4 seconds ahead er female scorer after winning five medals.

> Franklin won the 200 backstroke on Sunday, touching the wall in 2:08.03 and later won the 100 freestyle in 54.27. She also finished third in the 200 individual medley in 2:13.12.





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The Akshardham temple is illuminated in blue on the eve of World Diabetes Day in New Delhi, India, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011. Prominent landmarks in the city were lit up in blue Sunday evening as part of a diabetes awareness program.

522M people could have diabetes by 2030

GENEVA (AP) — The International Diabetes Federation predicts that one in 10 adults could have diabetes by 2030, according to their latest statistics.

In a report issued on Monday, the advocacy group estimated that 522 million people would have diabetes in the next two decades, based on things like aging and demographic changes. The figure includes both types of diabetes. The group expects the number of cases to jump by 90 percent even in Africa, where infectious diseases have previously been the top killer. Without including the impact of increasing obesity, the International Diabetes Federation said figures were conservative. According to the

World Health Organization, there are about 346 million people worldwide with diabetes, with more than 80 percent of deaths occurring in developing countries. The agency projects diabetes deaths will double by 2030 and said the International Diabetes Federation's prediction was possible. "It's a credible figure," said Gojka Roglic, head of WHO's diabetes unit. "But whether or not it's correct, we can't say."

Roglic said the projected future rise in diabetes cases was because of aging rather than the obesity epidemic. Most cases of diabetes are Type 2, the kind that mainly hits people in middle age, and is linked to weight gain and a sedentary lifestyle.

Study: New drug cuts deaths after heart attack

MARILYNN MARCHIONE AP Chief Medical Writer ORLANDO, Florida (AP) —

People recovering from a heart attack or severe chest pain are much less likely to suffer another heart-related problem or to die from one if they take a new bloodthinning drug along with standard anti-clotting medicines, a large study finds. But this benefit had a cost: a greater risk of serious bleeding, usually in the di-

gestive tract.

Still, some doctors said the drug, Xarelto, could become a new standard of care for people hospitalized for these conditions. A low dose of the drug substantially cut the risk of dying of any cause during the study. "Mortality trumps everything," so a drug that improves survival is a win, said Dr. Paul Armstrona of the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

He had no role in the study, discussed Sunday at an American Heart Association conference in Florida and published online by the New England Journal of Medicine. The study was sponsored by the drug's makers — Johnson & Johnson and Bayer Healthcare - and some researchers work or consult for the com-

Xarelto is approved now at magnitude of higher doses for preventing strokes in people with a common heart rhythm problem and for preventing blood clots after joint surgeries. It works in a different way than aspirin and older blood thinners do.

Dr. C. Michael Gibson of Harvard Medical School led a study testing it in 15,500 patients around the world who were leaving the hospital after a heart attack or severe chest pain from clogged arteries.

All were prescribed aspirin and an older blood thinner. One-third also received a low dose of Xarelto, and one-third got a higher dose. After about a year on average, nearly 11 percent of those on just the usual medicines had suffered a heart attack, heart-related death or a stroke versus less than 9 percent of those on either dose of Xarelto.

The lower dose proved better and safer. Fewer than 3 percent of those getting Xarelto died of any cause during the study, compared with 4.5 percent of those getting just the usual medicines. That translates to a 32 percent lower risk with Xarelto.

"Our study group has been going for 27 years and we've not seen that"

from a drug like this, said Dr. Eugene Braunwald of Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital, the study's chairman.

To prevent a single heartrelated death, heart attack or stroke, only 56 people would need to be treated for two years with a low dose of the drug, Gibson said.

However, serious bleeding was nearly four times more common with Xarelto, including bleeding in the head, a potentially disabling side effect. Fatal bleeding was no greater with Xarelto, though.

"There's a trade-off" between thinning the blood to prevent clots and raising the risk of bleeding, said Dr. Roger Blumenthal, preventive cardiology chief at Johns Hopkins Medical Center. Cost is another issue. Usual care for these patients is changing with newer drugs that have come on the market since this study started. One — ticagrelor, sold as Brilinta in the U.S. and other brands elsewhere — also proved beneficial for similar patients taking just aspirin instead of pricier additional medicines used in the Xarelto study. Xarelto's makers will seek approval to sell it for people like those in this study by the end of the year, a Johnson & Johnson spokesman said. A price has not been set, but the higher doses sold now for other purposes run more than \$7 a day. The good results with Xarelto contrast with the disappointing ones from an experimental blood thinner by Merck & Co., vorapaxar.



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U.S. uses more unmanned aircraft to secure border

CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP)

— Two Border Patrol agents walked by a patch of brush on a remote ranch and saw nothing. But 19,000 feet overhead in the night sky, a Predator unmanned aircraft kept its heat-sensing eye on the spot.

In an operations center about 80 miles away, all eyes were on a suspicious dark cluster on a video screen. Moments later, the drone operators triggered the craft's infrared beam and pointed the agents directly to the undergrowth where two silent figures were hiding.

Last week's mission was just another night out for a Predator program that is playing a larger role in border security as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection adds to its force of unmanned aircraft. The agency received its second Predator B aircraft in Texas last month and will add its sixth overall on the Southwest border when another is based in Arizona by the end of the year.

The aircraft are credited with apprehending more than 7,500 people since they were deployed six years ago. They bring the latest in military technolo-

gy to one of the oldest catand-mouse pursuits in the country. But on the border, even sophisticated devices struggle with the weather and conditions — just as humans do. "I'm trying to mark. I'm looking for a hole in the clouds," said an exasperated operator as he lost his video image of a "hotspot" in a stand of trees.

Cloud cover, along with crosswinds and rain, are the drones' enemies.

The aircraft can remain airborne for 30 hours though missions typically run eight or nine hours with the ground crews rotating in the control trailers. Smugglers of humans, drugs and guns are the chief prey.

The Predators, which are being used in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, were introduced on the border in 2005, the year before Mexican President Felipe Calderon declared war on his country's drug gangs and violence along the border exploded. Since then, the aircraft have logged more than 10,000 flight hours and aided in intercepting 46,600 pounds of illegal drugs.

"It's like any other law enforcement platform," said Lothar Eckardt, director of the Office of Air and Marine's Predator operation housed at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi. "No different than a helicopter."

A Predator system — the plane, sensors, control consoles and antennas — costs \$18.5 million. The craft's 66-foot wingspan stretches out from a relatively small body supported by spindly landing gear, making them appear almost insect-like. A single propeller powers them from behind, allowing for relatively quiet flights.

Inside the ground control trailer, a pilot and sensor operator sit side by side at consoles that include four screens each, a joystick, keyboard, several levers and rudder pedals. The pilot does the flying. The sensor operator works the infrared equipment and other technology under the aircraft's nose.

Some question whether the



A Predator B unmanned aircraft taxis at the Naval Air Station, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Using the same technology responsible for lethal strikes elsewhere in the world, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is expanding its use of Predator B unmanned aircraft outfitted with powerful infrared cameras and sensitive radar to patrol U.S. borders.

Associated Press

remotely-piloted aircrafts' impact justifies the price.
"The big knock on the UAS (unmanned aircraft systems) program ... is that

it's so expensive," said T.J. Bonner, former president of the National Border Patrol Council, the agents' union.





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Kurdish government, Exxon Mobil ink oil search deal

YAHYA BARZANJI Associated Press

SULAIMANIYAH, Iraq (AP)

— The Kurdish regional government has signed a deal with ExxonMobil to explore oil fields in northern Iraq, Kurdish officials said Sunday, putting them in sharp conflict with Iraq's national government.

The government in Baghdad wants to control all energy contracts signed in Iraq. With the deal, Exxon-Mobil becomes the first oil major to do business in the Kurdish region in defiance of the central government's wishes.

The deal was announced Sunday by Kurdish officials at an oil and gas conference in Irbil in comments carried on Kurdish television

Details of the deal were published on Friday by the Financial Times newspaper. The Kurdistan Regional Government has clashed with Baghdad over who has the right to sign deals with international oil companies to develop Iraq's vast energy resources.

The Kurds, who control three provinces in northern lraq, want to be able to sign contracts with international oil companies to develop their own fields, while Baghdad maintains it has final authority.

Kurdish officials have already signed a number of

contracts with smaller energy companies, but the deal with ExxonMobil is significant because it's the first with an international oil major.

At the conference, Kurdish Natural Resources Minister Ashti Hawrami vowed to press ahead.

"These deals are legal. There is no legal problem same way that it has dealt with similar companies in the past," said Deputy Prime Minister Hussain al-Shahristani in a statement.

The central government has previously blacklisted energy companies that signed contracts with the Kurdish government, so that they cannot work in the rest of the country or purchase



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about them. We will go on with these deals," he said. The Iraqi government thinks differently.

Following the Financial Times story, the Iraqi government on Saturday issued a statement slamming the agreement.

"The Iraqi government will deal with any company that breaks its laws in the crude oil.

Even so, it remained unclear what steps, if any, the central government will take against ExxonMobil, which is already developing one of Iraq's biggest oil fields. ExxonMobil is working with Royal Dutch Shell PLC to develop the 8.6 billion West Qurna Stage 1 field near the southern city of Basra.



Chinese President Hu Jintao, center, arrives for the leaders' plenary session of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, in Kapolei, Hawaii.

(AP Photo/Andres Leighton)

Hu says US, China cooperation critical

HONOLULU (AP) — Chinese President Hu Jintao says growing economic instability and uncertainty around the globe mean it's more important for China and the United States to increase their cooperation.

Hu and President Barack Obama spoke at the start of a meeting during an Asia-Pacific economic summit in Hawaii. The Chinese president says the Asia Pacific region is the most dynamic region of the world and should become a region of active cooperation between the U.S. and China.

Obama says cooperation between the two countries is vital to their prosperity and the prosperity of nations around the globe.

Hu did not address U.S. concerns over intellectual property and China's undervalued currency that keeps Chinese exports cheaper and U.S. exports to China more expensive.



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ADAM SCHRECK, **AP Business Writer** DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Dubai's fastgrowing airline Emirates kicked off the Middle East's biggest airshow Sunday with a huge order for 50 Boeing 777s, marking the U.S. aircraft maker's biggest-ever single order in dollar terms.

Emirates and Boeing Co. valued the unexpectedly large deal for an extended range version of the 777-300 at \$18 billion — the total by list price — though the carrier is unlikely to pay that much. Airlines typically negotiate big discounts, especially when buying in bulk.

Emirates has an option to buy another 20 777s as part of the order. That would push the deal's face value to \$26 billion.

The deal further establishes Emirates as Boeing's best customer for the twin-engine 777, a workhorse of the carrier's long-haul fleet. Emirates has 95 777s in service and already had another 40 on the order books. That means it now has nearly as many of the twin-aisle planes on order as it operates.

"The 777 has really served Emirates very well in terms of the seat cost, especially when we see that the fuel price today is very high," Emirates Chairman and CEO Sheik Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum said in announcing the deal.

Earlier this month, Emirates posted a profit of \$225 million for the first half of its fiscal year. 🔲

Hyundai hopes Super Bowl ads boost brand image

TOM KRISHER **AP Auto Writer DETROIT (AP)** — Hyundai Motor Co. is hoping that five television spots before and during the Feb. 5 Super Bowl game will help to bolster its rising brand recognition and continue big sales gains from the past few years.

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North American CEO John Krafcik says the fast-growing brand is working on a 60-second spot that will run right before kickoff, plus two ads on the pregame show and two during the first and third quarters of the National Football League championship game.

He wouldn't say how much the South Korean automaker is spending on the ads, which will compete with the most creative spots American companies have to offer during one of television's highest-rated and most expensive sporting events.

Last year Super Bowl ads cost companies about \$3 million for 30 seconds.

Chrysler Group LLC's twominute spot featuring rapper Eminem was amona those that created the most Super Bowl buzz last February, and it helped kick off what has been a strong sales year for the recovering company.

The cinematic third-quarter ad showed Eminem driving through Detroit and introduced a new car, the Chrysler 200 sedan, amid gritty scenes of the city.

A voiceover talked about how the city has survived going through "hell and back."

Krafcik said Hyundai hopes to have standout spots as well, but it will focus more



A visitor checks a Hyundai Veloster mounted on the wall at an import car expo in Beijing, China. Hyundai Motor Co. is hoping that five television spots before and during the Feb. 5 Super Bowl game will help to bolster its rising brand recognition and continue big sales gains from the past few years.

(AP Photo/Alexander F. Yuan)

on a brand message rather than going for entertainment value.

"We're competing with Doritos and Pepsi and Anheuser-Busch," he said Friday at an auto show briefing for reporters at a technical center near Ann Arbor, Michigan.

"Those are tough competitors from an entertainment point of view."

Hyundai, he said, might have a little more fun with its ads this year and try to make them more memorable than in the past.

But it's also trying to sway about a third of the auto market that has a neutral taken sales mainly from view of the brand, which sells the Elantra compact, Sonata midsize car and Tucson crossover SUV, among other models.

Hyundai has had huge sales growth in a lackluster U.S. auto market.

Through October, the company has sold more than 545,000 vehicles, already passing last year's record sales of 538,000, according to Autodata Corp. Hyundai's U.S. market share has risen from 4.2 percent in 2009 to 5.2 percent so far this year, and analysts believe the company has

Japanese rivals Honda Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Corp., both of which have experienced declines.

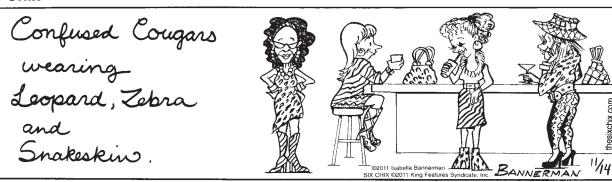
Hyundai's sales are so strong that it's having trouble supplying cars and crossovers to its dealers, Krafcik said. It has raised the annual output at its Montgomery, Alabama, factory to around 330,000 this year, and will produce more cars in North America in 2012, he said. But he wouldn't comment when asked if the company plans to build a new factory in the U.S.

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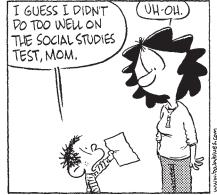




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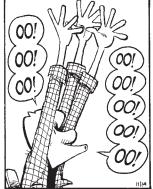




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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Monday, November 14 **The Associated Press**

Today is Monday. November 14, the 318th day of 2011. There are 47 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1533 Spanish conquistadors take the city of Cuzco, the capital of the Inca empire.

1647 - England's King Charles I is recaptured and imprisoned by rebels.

1775 - American troops under Benedict Arnold invade Quebec Province in Canada.

1832 - The first streetcar in the United States — a horse-drawn vehicle called the John Mason — goes into operation in New York City.

1851 - American author Herman Melville's novel "Moby Dick" is published.

1889 - Inspired by Jules Verne, New York World reporter Nellie Bly sets out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. She succeeds, making the trip in 72 days.

1890 - Anglo-Portuguese agreement on Zambezi and Congo grants Britain control of lower Zambezi and colonizing rights up to the Congo.

1935 - U.S. President Roosevelt Franklin D. proclaims Philippine Islands a commonwealth and pledges independence by 1946.

1940 - German bombers destroy most of the English city of Coventry in World War II.

1947 - United Nations recognizes Korea's claim to independence.

1957 - Britain declares Bahrain an independent Arab state under British protection.

1960 - Two passenger trains collide in Czechoslovakia, killing 110 people and injuring 105.

1969 - Apollo 12 blasts off for the moon.

1970 - Cyclone and giant waves devastate southern coast of East Pakistan now Bangladesh— and islands in Bay of Bengal, with death toll estimated at 300,000.



Today in History

Today is Prince Charles' birthday

Britain's Princess marries Captain Mark Phillips in Westminster Abbey. The couple divorces in 1992.

1986 - The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission impose a record \$100 million penalty against Wall Street trader Ivan Boesky for using insider information.

1988 - PLO's parliament-inexile endorses new political strategy that implicitly recognizes the state of and renounces terrorism.

1989 - Black nationalist movement SWAPO wins a solid majority in Namibia's first national election.

1990 - More than 300 people are arrested and about 70 injured as police clear anarchist squatters from Berlin neighborhood. 1991 - El Salvador's leftist rebels say they will halt all offensives until peace accord with government is reached; Prince Norodom Sihanouk returns Cambodia after 20 years. 1992 - A Unionist gunman

kills two people and wounds 13 in a Belfast bookmaker's shop in Northern Ireland.

Supporters continued U.S. commonwealth status for Puerto Rico prevail in a statehood referendum.

1994 - Tropical Storm Gordon kills at least 829 people in Haiti.

1996 - American troops arrive in Kigali, Rwanda's capital, in advance of a multinational operation to feed and help send home more than one million refugees in Zaire, now called Congo.

1997 - The United States dispatches a second aircraft carrier to the Gulf to force Iraq to allow weapons inspections to resume.

Today's Birthdays:

Claude Monet, French (1840-1926); painter Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian (1889-1964); statesman Astrid Lindgren, Swedish author (1907-2002); Joseph McCarthy, U.S. senator (1909-1957); Jordan's King Hussein (1935-1999); Britain's Prince Charles (1948--): Buckwheat Zydeco, U.S. singer/accordionist (1947--); Reverend Run, U.S. rapper (1964--).

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Members of the next expedition to the International Space Station, U.S. astronaut Dan Burbank, left, Russian cosmonauts Anton Shkaplerov, right, and Anatoly Ivanishin gestures after a news conference at the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011. The crew is to blast off for the International Space Station on Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, aboard a Russian-made Soyuz space craft. **Associated Press**

Russian craft set to blast off on delayed mission

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian cosmonaut says the three-man U.S.-Russian crew are thinking positively as they prepare to blast off on a delayed mission to the International Space Station.

The mission had been delayed for two months after the failed launch of an unmanned Progress cargo ship in August.

The failure was blamed manufacturing flaw and cast doubt on

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flights because the upper stage of the Soyuz booster rocket that carries the cargo ships into orbit is similar to that used to launch astronauts.

The way was cleared after another Progress lifted off successfully on Oct. 30.

"We have no black thoughts and full confidence in our technology," cosmonaut Anton Shkaplerov told journal-

the future of manned ists at the Russian-leased Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, where he, fellow Russian Anatoly Ivanishin and NASA astronaut Dan Burbank were preparing for the launch.

> Their Soyuz craft is to lift off early Monday and dock at the International Space Station two days later.

> They are to arrive just in time to keep the orbiting station manned.

The three crew members there are returning to Earth on Nov. 21 and if the new crew had not launched in time the station would have had to have been abandoned temporarily for the first time in nearly 11 years.

The Russian Soyuz spacecraft serve as the only link to the space station now that NASA retired the space shuttle in July. The 39-year-old Shkaplerov and 42-year-old Ivanishin are making their first flights into space.

Burbank, 50, will take over command of the space station and is a veteran of 12-day shuttle missions in 2000 and 2006. The three men are to remain aboard the space station until March.







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'Immortals' reigns with \$32M opening weekend

DAVID GERMAIN AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The gods of ancient Greece have extended their rule to the weekend box office with a No. 1 debut for the action tale "Immortals."

The story of Greek hero Theseus took in \$32 million domestically, while Adam Sandler's comedy "Jack and Jill" opened at No. 2 with \$26 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The new movies bumped the animated hit "Puss in Boots" to the No. 3 spot after two weekends at the top.

"Puss in Boots" earned \$25.5 million, raising its domestic total to \$108.8 million.

Director Clint Eastwood's "J. Edgar," a film biography starring Leonardo DiCaprio as longtime FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover, played in narrower release and opened at No. 5 with \$11.5 million. Released by Relativity Me-

dia, "Immortals" stars Henry Cavill and Freida Pinto in a tale of human heroes battling an evil king (Mickey Rourke) who aims to bring down the Olympian gods. With males making up 60 percent of its audience, "Immortals" has a chance to corner much of the action market through late November and beyond, a period likely to be dominated by family movies such as "Happy Feet 2," 'The Muppets," "Hugo" and "Arthur Christmas."

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1" does open Friday, but that blockbuster action fantasy franchise mainly draws female crowds.

"There's really not another action movie until you approach the Christmas holidays," said Kyle Davies, head of distribution for Relativity

"Over the next few weeks, there's no real competition



Kellan Lutz, a cast member in "Immortals," poses with actors dressed as soldiers from ancient Greece at the premiere of the film, Monday, Nov. 7, 2011, in Los Angeles. The RealD 3D film will be released on Friday.

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New book offers glimpse of Jackson's personal life

MESFIN FEKADU Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—A personal assistant turned personal manager to Michael Jackson said the King of Pophad been taking propofol as early as 1999, and that the singer was drugged up ahead of his 2001 30th anniversary concerts.

Frank Cascio, who became a family friend to Jackson at age 5 and eventually one of the singer's closest friends and employees, writes in a new book that he first noticed Jackson taking the drug Demerol while accompanying the singer on his "Dangerous" tour in 1993. He writes in his new book, "My Friend Michael: An Ordinary Friendship with an Extraordinary Man," that Jackson started the first of two anniversary shows in 2001 an hour late as a result of being drugged up in his dressing room.

"...My naive belief that Michael wouldn't let his medicine interfere with the show blew up in my face," Cascio



In this Nov. 8, 2007 file photo, pop star Michael Jackson poses on the red carpet during the RainbowPUSH Coalition Los Angeles 10th annual awards in Los Angeles.

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writes. "I can't begin to describe my disappointment and panic at this moment." The Associated Press purchased an advance copy of the book, which is set for release Nov. 15 by William Morrow, an imprint of News Corp.'s HarperCollins.

Cascio became a friend of

Jackson's after his father introduced him to the singer; Cascio's father worked at the Hemsley Palace in Manhattan, managing the hotel's towers and suites, where Jackson stayed. Following that, a five-year-old Cascio and his younger brother Eddie, spent time with Jackson at his Neverland Ranch. He says Jackson was first introduced to Demerol in 1984 when he burned his head during a Pepsi commercial shoot, and Cascio writes that he first noticed Jackson using the medicine on his "Dangerous" tour. "Now, on tour, and again in deep physical pain, Michael turned back to those drugs," he wrote. Cascio says Jackson also took propofol in 1999 in Munich when the singer was 50 feet in the air and instead of coming down slowly, the platform Jackson was on fell down. Cascio also writes that Jackson had taken Demerol to treat the skin disease vitiliao, and arew worried about his drug use.

for us."

Sandler plays dual roles in "Jack and Jill," as a sturdy family man and his needy sister, who comes to visit for Thanksgiving.

"Jack and Jill" got off to a solid start but came in on the low end for Sandler, whose comedies typically open in the \$30 million to \$40 million range.

Still, it continues Sandler's virtually unbroken string of strong openings for his broad comedies dating back to the late 1990s.

"A big part of his success is just that sort of Everyman appeal he has, whether it be the guys going out to have a beer or girls thinking he's just as charming as all hell," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony, which released "Jack and Jill."

"J. Edgar" played in 1,910 theaters, compared with more than 3,000 for the rest of the top-five movies.

It was the weekend's grown-up choice, with 66 percent of viewers over age 50, according to distributor Warner Bros.

Like "Immortals" with action crowds, "J. Edgar" has the prospect to dominate among older viewers

through Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 24-27), one of the busiest times of the year for movie theaters.

"We're the adult choice," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner.

"We feel we have really good play time ahead of us going into the holiday."

"J. Edgar" will join a parade of potential Academy Awards contenders arriving before year's end as Hollywood rolls into its most diverse season, when drama, comedy, action and family films share screen time.

"This was one of the first weekends we've seen in a while that had a nice combination of films that gave us a really solid weekend," said Paul Dergarabedian, an analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

"To me, this is what the holiday season is all about, having films like 'Immortals' in the mix in the top-five with a drama like 'J. Edgar.'"

The variety clicked with audiences this weekend. Overall revenues came in at \$137 million, up 13 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Megamind" led with \$29.1 million, according to Hollywood.com.□

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Oscars Academy honors Vanessa Redgrave in London

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LONDON (AP) — Vanessa Redgrave was hailed at a Hollywood film academy tribute Sunday, praised as an actress and an activist by A-list friends including Ralph Fiennes, Mervl Streep and James Earl Jones.

More than 30 years after she shocked the Oscars ceremony with a fiercely political acceptance speech, Redgrave was the subject of an Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences retrospective — its first to an actor in Europe.

"I love this woman. My wife understands," said Jones, who is currently starring alongside Redgrave in "Driving Miss Daisy" on the London stage.

"I stand in profound admiration of her courage, both on and off the stage," said Jones, who received an honorary Academy Award on Saturday — presented to him in front of a surprised matinee audience



In this Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008 file photo actress Vanessa Redgrave acknowledges the applause for her Hall of Fame prize during the distribution of the DIVA Entertainment Awards 2008 in Munich, southern Germany.

Wyndham's Theatre.

Redgrave's bold artistic and political choices were a theme of the evening, hosted by playwright David

A member of a famous British acting dynasty that includes her father, sister, brother and two daughters, Redgrave has appeared in more than 100 films since her 1958 debut in "Behind the Mask." She is also known for her humanitarian work as a UNICEF ambassador, and for decades of left-wing political activism. The 74-year-old actress has been nominated for six Os-

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activist in 1977's "Julia." Her victory led to one of

cars and won for her sup-

porting role as an anti-Nazi

the most startling moments in Oscar history. The Jewish Defense League had objected to her nomination and picketed the ceremony because Redgrave had narrated and helped fund a documentary, "The Palestinian," which supported a Palestinian state.

In her acceptance speech, praised the Redarave academy for not being intimidated by "a small bunch of Zionist hoodlums whose behavior is an insult to the stature of Jews all over the world and their great and heroic record of struggle against fascism and oppression." Her comments were met by gasps, boos and growing applause. Streep — who made her film debut in "Julia" — said that speech was the moment when she first recognized that "fame was not just this stupid vanity ... you could use it to make a difference in the world." Fiennes, British actress Eileen Atkins, Liam Neeson and

Jane Fonda added their own tributes to a performer Fonda called "my friend ... my idol .. my mentor."

Hare screened clips from across Redgrave's eclectic career — from landmark 1960s films like "Blow-Up" to the musical "Camelot" and dramas such as "Julia" and "Second Serve," in which Redgrave played transsexual tennis pro Renee Richards. Hare said she was one of a generation of actresses who "went on to be so much more interesting than their early stereotyping allowed." But he noted that she was also "fated to live parallel public lives: first as a celebrity and secondly as an actor."

Atkins said the two words most often used about Redgrave were "courage" and "radiance."

"And I think that comes from her true belief that basically mankind is very good," Atkins said, "She believes in humanity, and not many people do."



Mad Magazine cartoonist Sergio Aragones, left, Jack Davis and Al Jaffee, right, speak with Savannah College of Art and Design professor John Larison, second from the left, during an event hosted by SCAD and the National Cartoonists Society, Friday, Oct. 11, 2011 in Savannah, Ga. Aragones, Jaffee and Davis are among eight veteran MAD contributors gathering Saturday for a rare reunion.

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RUSS BYNUM Associated Press SAVANNAH, Georgia (AP)

Think of them as the senior class of the "usual gang of idiots." Or the original MAD men perhaps.

There's Al Jaffee, who at 90 still draws the optical illusion fold-in gags for MAD magazine's back page. And Sergio Aragones, still whipping out eye-straining

and gut-busting miniature cartoons in the magazine's margins after 48 years. And Jack Davis, who was there at the beginning, drawing the horror spoof "Hoohah!" that appeared in MAD's debut issue in 1952.

They're among the cartoonists who put MAD on the map in the 1950s. Over the next six decades, they blended celebrity carica-

Magazine's 1st MAD men get a rare reunion

ture, pop-culture parody and political satire in a way that would influence American comedy from Saturday Night Live to The Onion and more. And some of them are still churning out gags for MAD, in defiance of the ever-expanding generation gap with the magazine's young audience.

"I have kids come to me at conventions saying, 'My grandfather grew up with your work,'" said Aragones, 74, whose recent features include "A MAD Look at Lady Gaga." "Older people think the older MADs were funnier.

But not really. You grew up. Your sense of humor has changed."

Aragones, Jaffee and Davis were among eight veteran MAD contributors gathering Saturday for a rare reunion on the Georgia coast. With their homes and studios spread across the U.S., the artists who put their work side by side in hundreds

meet face to face.

This weekend, the cartoonists are being honored and humored by their hosts, Savannah College of Art and Design and the National Cartoonists Societv. Their art is hanaina in a gallery, while their schedule includes workshops with the college's art students and a panel discussion on MAD's history and their work.

John Lowe, the Savannah art college's dean of communication arts, said the MAD reunion represents "roughly 400 years' worth of comic book experience collected in one place."

"MAD, to me, was really the first print publication to satire popular culture and American political culture," said Lowe, 44. "It is still very edgy. I can see parents wanting to keep it out of the hands of their children. And children wanting to get it in their hands."

Launched in 1952 by com-

of MAD issues don't often ics publisher William M. Gaines and editor-writer Harvey Kurtzman, MAD evolved from stories spoofing its owners' stable of horror comics to a broader range of send-ups lampooning American culture, celebrities and politics. By 1956 the magazine had a gap-toothed mascot, Alfred E. Newman, who soon became a cartoon icon.

> The artists worked on a freelance basis, but Gaines rewarded their loyalty with annual group trips overseas for decades, beginning with a trip to Haiti in 1960. Davis recalled being cajoled by Aragones into fighting a bull — a very young one without horns, he admits — in Spain. Jaffee still laughs at how a MAD writer, during a tour of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City, shattered the hushed reverence by remarking aloud that Michelangelo's painted ceiling was so priceless that God couldn't afford the rent.

The last person



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN
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JODHPUR, India – There is a concept in telecommunications called "the last mile," that part of any phone system that is the most difficult to connect – the part that goes from the main lines into people's homes. Prem Kalra, the director of the new Indian Institute of Technology in Rajasthan, one of the elite MIT's of India, has dedicated his school to overcoming a different challenge: connecting "the last person."

"How will we reach the last person?" Kalra asked me during a visit to his campus here in Jodhpur in the Thar Desert of western India. The "last person" in his view is the poorest person in India. And the question consuming Kalra is can "the financially worst-off person" in India "be empowered" – be given the basic tools to acquire enough skills to overcome dire poverty.

In a country where 75 percent of the people live on less than \$2 a day, that's a big question. It is why, one year ago, India's Human Resources Development Ministry put out a very specific proposal that Kalra and his technology institute decided to take up, when no one else would: Could someone design and make a stripped-down iPad-like, Internet-enabled, wirelessly connected tablet that the poorest Indian family, saving about \$2.50 a month for a year, could afford if the government subsidized the rest? Specifically, could they make a simple tablet usable for distance learning, teaching English and math or just tracking commodity prices for under \$50, including the manufacturer's profit?

The answer was yes. Last month, Kalra's team – led by two IIT Rajasthan electrical engineering professors, one of whom comes from a village that still has no electricity – unveiled the Aakash tablet. Aakash is Hindi for sky. It's based on the Android 2.2 operating system, with a 7-inch touch screen, three hours of battery life and the ability to download YouTube videos, PDFs and educational software like Virtual Labs. The government will subsidize the wireless connections for students.

IThey did it by taking full advantage of today's hyperconnected world: pulling commodity parts mainly from China and South Korea, using open-source software and collaboration tools and employing the design/manufacturing/assembly abilities of two companies in the West – DataWind and Conexant

Systems – and Quad in India. The Aakash is a ray of hope that India can leverage technology to get more of its 220 million students enough tools to escape poverty and poor teaching, but it's also a challenge to the West. In terms of hope, I was struck by a story that Kalra's wife, Urmila, told about a chat she had had with their maid after the Aakash was unveiled on Oct. 5. As Urmila recalled, her maid, who has two young children, said that she had heard "from the night watchman that Mr. Kalra has made a computer that is very cheap, and is so cheap that even she can afford to buy it. The watchman had given her a picture from the paper, and she asked me if it was true.'

Urmila told her it was true and that the machine was meant for people who could not afford a big computer. Added Urmila: ''She asked, 'How much will it cost?' I said, 'It will cost you around 1,500 rupees' (\$30). She said: '15,000 or 1,500?' I said, '1,500.' She was sure that if the government was doing something so good for the poor, it had to have a catch.

"'What can you do on it?' she asked me. I said, 'If your daughter goes to school, she can use it to download videos of class lessons,' just like she had seen my son download physics lectures every week from MIT's Open-CourseWare. I said, 'You have seen our son sitting at the computer listening to a teacher who is speaking. That teacher is actually in America.' She just kept getting wider- and wider-eyed. Then she asked me will her kids be able to learn English on it. I said, 'Yes, they will definitely be able to learn English,' which is the passport for upward mobility here. I said, 'It will be so cheap you will be able to buy one for your son and one for your daughter!""

That conversation is the sound of history changing.

And not just for India. We're at the start of a nonlinear move in innovation thanks to the hyperconnecting of the world through social media, mobile/ wireless devices and cloud computing - which is putting cheap innovation devices into the hands of so many more people, enabling them to collaborate on invention is so many new ways. This Great Inflection will be an opportunity and a challenge for every worker and company because we're going to see more and more product "price points" broken in big ways.v And that explains why Kalra tells recruiters for major companies to stay away from his campus. He wants his Indian students to think about inventing their first jobs, not applying for them. "I want them to start companies and become CEO's of their own. It is the only way we can catch China." he says. India can't wait for the world to solve India's problems at India's price points. It has to invent them. It now has tools to do so This is about to aet interestina.



Friend with benefits



CHARLES M. BLOW
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Government is not the enemy. Not always. Don't believe that right-wing malarkey.

In fact, for millions of Americans down on their luck and at the end of their rope, they can quickly find that government is their last friend left. Governmental assistance can prevent the certainty of a hungry night and a homeless tomorrow. It can mean the difference between the comfort of stability and the ravages of poverty.

This function is now more important than ever, even as it is under more pressure than ever.

We learned this week that not only are there more poor people in America than had been previously reported, but that the only thing keeping millions more out of poverty were the very same social safety net programs that many Republicans despise. For decades, experts on both sides of the poverty debate have complained that the official government measure is flawed because it doesn't account for measures like benefits aovernment programs, from health care costs or taxes.

So, to address those concerns, the Census Bureau this week released a Supplemental Poverty Measure, or SPM. The new measure changed the composition of the poor but found that it was a larger group – the offi-

cial 2010 poverty rate was 15.2 percent, but the SPM rate was 16 percent.

Even more important, the report highlighted the role government programs play in mitigating it. Many of these programs were expanded under the Obama administration with the muchmaligned stimulus package. Now many of those expansions are scheduled to expire, and a new crop of callous Republicans threatens to not just trim the fat but to cut the meat.

For instance, the report shows that if the Earned Income Tax Credit, a refundable tax credit for low-to-moderate-income workers designed to offset Social Security taxes and encourage work, was not included in the SPM, the poverty rate would jump from 16 percent to 18 percent. For children, it would jump from 18.2 percent to 22.4 percent.

The stimulus bill increased the credit for people with three or more children and for married people so they would not have to face a "marriage penalty." Those increases will expire next year. Furthermore, as The Christian Science Monitor's Tax VOX blog points out, almost all of the Republican presidential candidates' economic plans would "cut back or eliminate refundable tax credits."

As for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program for food stamps, the report says that without it, the overall poverty rate would move from 16 percent to 17 percent and for children it would move from 18.2 percent to 21.2 percent.

The stimulus bill increased financing for food stamps, but those increases are being phased out. And, as the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has pointed out, the Paul Ryan Republican budget presented earlier this year proposed slashing nutrition assistance by \$127 billion over 10 years.

Obama's stimulus package may

not have provided the jolt to the economy that the country wanted and needed, but it no doubt kept a jobs and poverty crisis from becoming a catastrophe. The administration's inability to effectively convey that point is its own catastrophe.

A vast majority of people now believe that Obama's economic policies have failed. After Republicans hammered that point for so long, most people can only see what didn't get better, not what didn't get worse. A Gallup poll released on Wednesday found that 67 percent of Americans disapprove of the president's handling of the economy.

This level of dissatisfaction makes people open to his cartoonish competitors' Grinch-ish alternatives to economic policy, which invariably means the rich would get more and pay less and the poor would pay more and get less. At Wednesday's debate, Michele Bachmann said that everyone should pay at least "the price of two Happy Meals a year" in taxes. And this is a candidate for president. Of The United States.

The Tax Policy Center has found that Herman Cain's now-famous 9-9-9 would cause 84 percent of families to pay higher taxes. Even after Cain changed his tune and said "if you're at or below the poverty level, your plan isn't '`9-9-9, it's 9-0-9," an expert with the Tax Policy Center told NPR that "we'd still expect to see close to 84 percent of families being made worse off by the Cain plan." In Wednesday's debate, Mitt Romney reiterated, with a straight face, that he prefers to let the foreclosure process happen instead of hold off "the normal market process," or in plain English: help people to stay in their homes (as the Obama administration is attempting to do). The lack of empathy for the poor and suffering on the part of the right is nothing short of breathtaking.

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Still identifying 9/11 remains, grief renewed with each call

JO CRAVEN McGINTY © 2011 New York Times NEW YORK - On Nov. 19, 2001, Susan Ainbinder Hutchins received a call saying that her son, Kevin Colbert, who worked at an investment bank on the 89th floor of 2 World Trade Center, had been identified among the ground zero remains.

"I'm thinking, they found my son," she said, "but the funeral director had a real hard time making eye contact with me. He said, 'Susan, I don't know what they told you on the telephone, but we only have his thighbone from his right lea.""

To spare his friends and relatives the shock, Ainbinder Hutchins executed a plan to make everyone believe he was buried whole. But the nightmare was not over. "The calls kept coming and coming and coming," she said. For several years, at roughly two-month intervals, she was informed that another piece of her son had been identified.

"Nobody gets it," she said. "They don't understand why I'm stuck in such an awful place." The Sept. 11 memorial has been open two months, but another type of remembrance is being performed each day at the office of New York City's medical examiner, where scientists have been laboring to link nearly 22,000 human remains to the 2,747 people killed at the pulverized World Trade Center.

The byproduct of that sobering math has been a series of unpredictable and heartrending telephone calls over the last 10 years to notify family members that yet another fragment of their child, spouse or parent has been identified, followed by the wrenching question of what to do with remains that, in some cases, are no more than particles of bone. "There are certain things people don't talk about," said Sally Regenhard, whose son Christian, a firefighter, died in the attack. "People won't talk about the jumpers. They don't talk about the money. And they don't talk about whether they are still

getting pieces."

Yet remains are identified almost every day, and families will continue to receive calls for as long as the medical examiner's office, aided by advancing technology, continues to make scientists had identified an- be an ongoing process." other bone fragment.

"It threw me into such a tailspin," she said. "To get him back in pieces - it's very hard to digest. Then I decided to take a deep breath. It made me realize this could Cain has received one other notification but has chosen to leave her son's additional remains with the medical examiner until testing is complete. She is think-

ing of having those remains

9,000 remains have yet to be connected to a victim. About 3,000 are samples of muscle, skin and hair that the scientists are preserving for future tests because their DNA cannot be extracted with current technology. The other 6,000 are bone fragments being continuously tested by five forensic scientists working under Mark Desire, the assistant director of forensic biology for the medical examiner. Some have been tested five or six times previously, and while the procedure has not changed, the tools for conducting the tests have improved. When a DNA profile -

which looks like a strina of numbers - is obtained, it is compared with a database of matching material gathered from toothbrushes, hairbrushes and other samples provided by family members soon after 9/11. The team also has 27 complete DNA profiles of victims they cannot identify by name because they do not have matching material.

When a person is linked to a set of remains for the first time - the last such identification was in August - the family is visited by the Police Department, following standard procedure for victim notification. But when remains are linked to a previously identified victim, the medical examiner's office makes the call. The repeat notifications take an emotional toll on people like Ainbinder Hutchins.

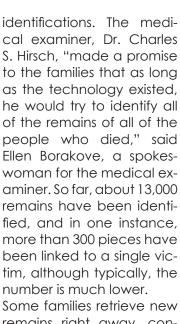
When she learned in 2001 that only her son's thiahbone had been recovered, she made a snap decision. "I said I want to pick out a casket," she said.

She also bought a large trunk from Pier One Imports and asked friends and relatives to fill it with mementos of Colbert. An artist friend contributed a sculpture of him playing volleyball. His high school football team offered a helmet they had all signed.



The family of Sean Tallon, a firefighter who died on Sept. 11, from right, his mother, Eileen, his sister, Rosaleen, and Rosaleen's daughter, Judey, look through photographs, in Yonkers, N.Y., Oct. 22, 2011. The Sept. 11 memorial has been open two months, but another type of remembrance is being performed each day at the office of New York City's medical examiner, where scientists have been laboring to link nearly 22,000 human remains to the 2,747 people killed at the pulverized World Trade Center.

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remains right away, conducting small ceremonies and reopening graves to bury them. Some wait for years, and are still waiting, in order to collect them all at once. Families of about 150 victims have asked not to be notified at all.

In 2002, about eight months after Rosemary Cain held a burial for her son George, a firefighter, she received her first call from the medical examiner's office saying its



An undated handout photo of Sean Tallon, a firefighter who died in the Sept. 11 attacks. The Sept. 11 memorial has been open two months, but another type of remembrance is being performed each day at the office of New York City's medical examiner, where scientists have been laboring to link nearly 22,000 human remains to the 2,747 people killed at the pulverized World Trade Center.

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